

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



*Bear Trap Falls*

### NOVEMBER 2012

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## *Welcome to our First Issue!*

Welcome to the first issue of the Community Development Newsletter! Community Development will be using this opportunity to keep the community updated on happenings within the Community Development Department. This will include Road Projects, Land Use/Real Estate Updates, Solid Waste/Recycling, Planning Activities, Mapping Opportunities and any

other departmental projects the community may be interested in.

For starters some of you may not be aware, but our address has changed. Community Development is no longer located at Tribal Offices, our new location is W2794 Go Around Road (Old Transit Building).

Another interesting change has been the addition of a

Community Development page on the MITW website ([www.menominee-nsn.gov](http://www.menominee-nsn.gov)) The website often changes as we update information from the department. There is also a place to leave comments or ask questions so please take advantage of the opportunity and look for the response in the newsletter.

With that being said, Please enjoy the First Issue!!!

## *TOP STORY: West Branch Road Improvements*

### Community Development

W2794 Go Around Road  
PO Box 910  
Keshena, WI 54135

Hours of Operation:  
Monday - Friday  
7:00 am to 4:30 PM

Telephone: 715-799-5155

After years of waiting, the residents of West Branch have two new roads to enjoy as Bear Trap Falls and West Branch Roads were reconstructed in September 2012.

The project, in collaboration with Menominee County, was funded mainly through the use of IRR Road Construction dollars and consisted of new pavement, road

signs, new guardrails, gravel shoulders and pavement striping.

The Tribe awarded the contract to Northeast Asphalt and the project went smooth with very little problems.

The improvements made will provide a safe road for the residents of West Branch, Tribal members and other travelers for years to come.

Community Development would like to thanks everyone, especially the West Branch residents, for their patience during the construction and invite everyone interested to take a short drive around West Branch to see the improvements firsthand.



### ***Land Use:***

Lake Lot Fees not paid by October 31, 2012 have doubled. If not paid by November 30, 2012 the Recreational Lease will be cancelled. Fees can be paid at the Cashier in Tribal Offices. If you have any questions or would like to know the status of your Recreational Lease please contact Kim Komanekin at 715-799-5156.

## ***Pictures of West Branch & Bear Trap Falls Road Project***



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

### ***Long Range Transportation & Land Use Plans:***

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission will be assisting the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin in the preparation of two planning documents; a Long Range Transportation Plan and Land Use Plan. These plans will be used to build and document the consensus of the Menominee Indian Community for the future use priorities of the Tribe's ancestral homeland.

It is anticipated that the planning portion of the project will be completed by December 31, 2012. A public informational meeting is being planned that will be used to assist in the identification of issues, visioning and opportunities for both planning efforts.

Please visit our website:

[www.menominee-nsn.gov](http://www.menominee-nsn.gov)

(New Announcements)

#### **Questions or Comments?**

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Smokey Falls

#### **Garbage/Recycling Route Schedule:**

Monday- Legend Lake  
South

Tuesday- Legend Lake  
North/South  
Branch/West Branch

Wednesday- Middle Vil-  
lage/Neopit/Zoar

Thursday- Keshena

## ***Transfer Site & Recycling Information***

#### **New Building**

The Keshena Transfer Site will be receiving some additional improvements over the next couple months as a new building will be constructed to house operations. The new building is an Indian Health Service project and will provide running water, septic system,

an office and additional space for managing the recycling operations of the site. The new building will be located adjacent to the existing building and be a welcome addition. Please be careful when entering the site and watch for signs noting construction activities taking place. Thank you in

advance for your understanding as the construction takes place.

#### **Gates 'R Us**

Future plans for the Transfer Site and West Branch Pit include adding gates to control hours of operation and keep the sites safe during unsupervised hours.



## ***BIA Road Updates:***

“To truly understand where we are today we must first step back and understand where and when this program began.”

### **The (IRR) Indian Reservation Roads Program**

The Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program was established in 1982. The IRR Program addresses transportation needs of Indian Tribes by providing funds for planning, designing, construction, and maintenance activities. The IRR system provides safe and

adequate transportation and public access to, within, and through Indian reservations; While contributing to the health, safety and economic development of Native American communities.

#### **Program Goals:**

**\*Enhance economic development**

**\*Preserve and protect cultural and natural resources**

**\*Promote seamless transportation systems**



Tribal Daycare Parking Lot

## ***New Parking Lot Initiative:***

### **Five Parking Lots Project**

- \*Zoar Ceremonial Building
- \*S. Branch Comm Center
- \*Keshena Day Care
- \*Menom Business Center
- \*Keshena Baseball Field

The multiple parking lot project was awarded to Musson Brother's Inc. and consisted of the installation of asphalt with parking stalls, sidewalks and light-

ing. The purpose of the project is to accommodate the day to day activities at the above locations in a safe and effective manner for Tribal members and the public.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience, especially the Day Care Staff, parents and children, during the construction.

## ***Answer's to Your Questions:***

This section provides an opportunity for Community Development to answer questions asked through the Community Development Corner located on the MITW website.

**Q: Highway 47 Round-About: I think streetlights would be more feasible with sensors to switch directions of traffic when needed.**

**A:** The Highway 47– Standing Pines Drive Project was developed in part from a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) conducted by the Casino to determine if improvements were needed due to the increased traffic rate for the area.

The analysis indicated a need for speed control to slow down traffic as a way to not only avoid collisions but also the

“near misses” happening on Hwy 47 from the Reservation Line to Duquaine Road.

A Round-About accomplishes this as traffic must slow down entering and exiting, as well as accomplishes something stop lights do not. It keeps the flow of traffic moving, no stopping at a red light or accelerating through a yellow.

The project also calls for turn lanes at CMN, this allows traffic to safely go around turning traffic entering the college; in addition the slope of the hill will be cut-down to give better sight distance

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**Community Development Committee Meeting-**  
Com. Dev. Conference Room, 11-7-12 @ 3:30 p.m.

#### **LRTP/Land Use Task Force**

MITW– Housing Conf. Room, 11-7-12 from 1-4 p.m.

#### **Roads Workgroup Meeting**

Com. Dev. Conference Room, 11-14-12 from 1-3 p.m.

### HOLIDAY– OFFICE CLOSED

Veteran's Day (Observed)- November 12

Thanksgiving– November 22

Day After Thanksgiving– November 23

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We're on the Tribe Website!!

<http://menominee-nsn.gov>

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